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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS WITH GPRB AMBASSADOR

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1. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXCELLENT IDEA TO PROTEST TO AMBASSADOR BOYA BOTH THE DETENTION AND PRECIPITATE EXPULSION OF MR. NAKADA, POINTING OUT THAT BY SENDING HIM THROUGH BENINESE SIDE OF BENIN/TOGO BORDER WITHOUT NECESSARY TOGOLESE VISA AND WITHOUT NOTIFYING US SO WE COULD INTERCEDE WITH TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES ON HIS BEHALF, GPRB PLACED HIM IN POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS LIMBO OVERNIGHT. BELIEVE FURTHER THAT BOYA SHOULD KNOW OF SENATOR INOUYE'S INTEREST IN NAKADA WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS.

2. AGREE ALSO THAT IT WOULD BE EXCELLENT IDEA TO NOTE AT SAME MEETING THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING IMPLICATIONS OF GPRB SECURITY RESTRICTIONS FOR OUR ABILITY TO CARRY OUT RESPONSIBILITIES HERE, BUT SUGGEST YOU LEAVE OUT WORD "IMPENDING", CONFIDENTIAL

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AS NUMBER TWO IN DEPARTMENT OF PROTOCOL (ALAVO) MADE SPECIAL POINT OF NOTING TO CHARGE AT A RECEPTION AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL WERE NOW "SUBJECT TO STRINGENT TRAVEL REGULATIONS". FYI, ALTHOUGH THIS COMMENT WAS MADE WITH GREAT EMPHASIS AND SIGNIFICANT LOOK IN MY DIRECTION, IT CAME IN ENTIRELY SEPARATE CONTEXT AND I CHOSE NOT TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO IT.

3. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO WARN BOYA THAT WE "MIGHT" BE FORCED TO ISSUE TG;3) -\$;8 946, AS SUBSEQUENT TO OUR SUGGESTION PARA 5 REF B, WE INFORMALLY TOLD DEPARTMENTS OF PROTOCOL ANQ NORTH AMERICAN/EUROPEAN AFFAIRS THAT SUCH AN ADVISORY HAD ALREADY BEEN ISSUED IN NEIGHBORING EMBASSIES, AND WE WOULD NOT WANT BOYA REPORTING APPARENTLY CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION.

4. FYI: WE HAVE ALSO HAD FORMAL MFA RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE ASKING FOR EXPLANATION OF NAKADA AFFAIR. THEY REPLIED THAT THEY HAD ASKED COMPETENT AUTHORITIES FOR DETAILS, ASSURED EMBASSY THAT LIGHT WOULD BE SHED ON THIS AFFAIR "FOR A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION", AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD FORWARD REPLY TO EMBASSY WHEN RECEIVED. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS UNLIKELY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WILLESUPPLY MFA WITH AN EXPLANATION IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY FACT THAT MFA HAS TAKEN NAKADA AFFAIR SERIOUSLY AND HAS INTERCEDED WITH INTERIOR ON OUR BEHALF.

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